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SUMMARY: RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY DANISH DEFENSE
PERSONNEL CONCERNING THE MAAG CLOSURE INDICATE THEIR
PLEASURE WITH THE CONTINUANCE OF MODIFIED SECURITY
ASSISTANCE REPRESENTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE OFFICE OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS. TO CHANGE
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THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION NOW TO THE OFFICE

OF DEFENSE COOPERATION OR TO SUGGEST THAT THEY MIGHT NOW TERMINATE THEIR SUPPORT WOULD SEEM TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AND CONFUSING TO DANES. END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY DANISH DEFENSE STAFF OFFICERS DURING PAST WEEK SHOWED THAT THEY WERE PLEASED THAT TERMINATION OF THE MAAG DID NOT REPRESENT AN ABBROGATION OF THE EXISTING 1950 MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT. USING REFERENCE C AS GUIDANCE, THEY WERE ADVISED THAT THE NEW OFFICE, OPERATING UNDER THE GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE SIMILAR TO THE MAAG, WOULD BE CALLED THE OFFICE OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS. THEY WERE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT MDA OFFICES WOULD STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE AS NECESSARY AND NOTED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION, IF REQUIRED. DRAWING FROM GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN PARA 2(E) OF REF A, WE ARE PREPARING A FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF MAAG TERMINATION OF MFA AND EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF THE NEW OFFICE. CONSIDERING STEPS ALREADY TAKEN, IT WOULD NOW APPEAR INAPPROPRIATE TO ADVISE THE DANES OF YET ANOTHER NAME CHANGE AS SUGGESTED IN REF B. AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN, AND WE ASSUME MOST OTHER EMBASSIES WITH FORMER MAAGS IN EUROPE, HAS ALREADY PROCEEDED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT OFFICE OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS (OMDA) WAS THE APPROVED AND APPROPRIATE TITLE OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION. THIS TITLE HAS ALREADY BEEN USED A NUMBER OF TIMES IN DEPARTMENT AND EUCOM MESSAGES.

2. THE DANES NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THE OFFICE OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS CHARTER FALLS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE JANUARY 27, 1950 MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. ARTICLE FIVE OF THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR DANISH SUPPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON. AS LONG AS THE DANES RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUTUAL

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DEFENSE AGREEMENT, WE FEEL THERE IS SUFFICIENT REASON TO WARRANT CONTINUATION OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THEREFORE, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO SUGGEST CANCELLATION OF THAT SUPPORT AT THIS TIME. IN OTHER WORDS, AS LONG AS EMBASSY (OMDA) REMAINS RESPONSIVE TO DANISH NEEDS, WE ARE COMPLYING WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF BOTH THE 1976 LEGISLATION

AND THE 1950 AGREEMENT. WE, THEREFORE, FAVOR
NEITHER CANCELLATION OF DANISH SUPPORT NOR
ANOTHER NAME CHANGE.
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